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**Southeast School PTO Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2004**

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

In attendance: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Joan Pinney(acting secretary), Kim O'Keefe, Ann Caro, Margaret Morrison, Natalie Miniutti, Carrie Vincente, Irene Sheehan, Dawn Rawlinson, Regreat: Monique Brown

Secretary's report: Review of Minutes from 11/01/2004 meeting

Motion to accept: Joan Pinney

Motion Seconded by: Carrie Vincente

Motion unanimously carried

Grant report:

Maria Bray presented the highlights of the grant she has written to Coca-Cola and Hasbro as part of the fund-raising for the playscape. Hasbro will notify the school within 3 months if they have approved the grant. The fiscal year for Hasbro begins in October and in November for Coca-Cola. Maria stated that there are many websites that identify possible grant funding including schoolgrants.org and numerous sites via a google search including eschoolnews.org.

Norma stated that the town would match whatever funds are raised this year for the playscape. Norma requested that the PTO create awareness to the Board of Education that the PTO has been actively writing grants for the playscape and included which grants have been applied for. Joan Pinney will follow up with this.

Motion: Motion to submit the grant as written to Hasbro and Coca-Cola as soon as possible made by Joan Pinney.

Motion seconded by: Irene Sheehan

Motion carried unanimously by all present

Treasurer's Report:

Dawn Rawlinson presented the report for the month of November. Dawn noted that the PTO received a parent donation to the Type I speakers and that the Yankee Candle profit was approximately \$1,200. Dawn also noted that the Election Day bake sale was a highly successful event. Ann Caro volunteered to do a fall bulb sale.

Motion: Motion to accept the report as presented made by Kim O'Keefe

Motion Seconded by: Natalie Miniutti

Motion carried unanimously by all present

Principal's report:

Norma presented the December and January calendar to the group. She stated that the next PAC meeting would be by January 3rd and would be entitled: Bearing the Backpack Burden. Norma discussed the all day kindergarten as a possible option for next year in Mansfield. She explained that some Southeast parents were asked to visit different full day kindergarten programs and provide feedback to the Board of Education. She explained that Terry Lawrence from the State of Connecticut would also be coming to discuss the full day kindergarten option. She explained that some parents are not in favor of full day kindergarten and will be provided with a half-day option. She requested that information be placed on the website regarding the potential for full day kindergarten and the plan for it. She requested that parents attend the next board meeting and either support or oppose the full day kindergarten concept to provide the board with feedback.

Norma thanked parents for the wonderful treats that teachers received during National Education week. She expressed the gratitude of the teachers and thanked all who participated in making the week a very enjoyable successful event.

Norma also stated that there was a request that T- shirts be sold at the school with the new logo on them. Kim O'keefe agreed to look into this as a possibility. Norma explained the unveiling of the new Eagle logo has already occurred.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting date: January 3, 2004

Respectively submitted by: Joan Pinney